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Environmental News

DEQ executes warrant at Geismar site

(Baton Rouge)--Criminal investigators with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality executed a search warrant on Thursday at the former Specialty Lighting, Inc., on Hwy. 30 in Geismar.

The investigators took samples from drums of waste that remained on the property after the company shut down. Company officials failed to dispose of hazardous waste generated at the facility and ignored DEQ's compliance orders.

"The company was informed several times of what they needed to do and they didn't do it," said Peter Ricca, DEQ's environmental manager for criminal investigations. "Mishandling or improper disposal of hazardous waste can lead to detrimental impact on the environment and to people who come in contact with the material. Violations of Louisiana hazardous waste disposal laws are felonies."

DEQ learned of the waste from an anonymous tip.

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